

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to inform you of my opposition to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking #02-230. It is wrong to mandate a plan that would only allow "professionals" to have fully-functional devices for processing digital broadcast materials. The so-called broadcast flag rule would abolish the right of free citizens to own effective tools for employing digital content in useful ways. Hollywood and content producers must not be allowed to determine the rights of the public to use flexible information technology. The stakeholders in a truly just information policy in a free society are the public, not those who would reserve special rights to control public uses of information technology.

Sincerely,
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